

### REAL "FOREIGN AGENTS"

However, Mr. Attorney General, I wish to remind you that there are foreign agents and fifth columnists in almost every part of the globe.

We Americans are painfully conscious of this fact and this curse. For we are saddled with the giant U. S. trusts whose first allegiance is to monopoly profits and, not least of all, to their profitable cartel arrangements with the I. G. Farben industry and their Japanese partners.

We are mindful, too, of the various foreign agents, certain Americans who represent, in the United States, the fascist interests of Franco Spain, monarchist Greece and Chiang Kai-Shek in China.

### LET'S HAVE THE SCORE

I submit, Mr. Attorney General, that the American people really want to know the score about our un-American and pro-fascist monopolists—the real foreign agents, the real instigators of Americas fifth columnists, i. e., the big corporations who are the paymasters of the K. K. K., the Gerald K. Smiths, American Action, Inc., the lynchers, the anti-Semitic gangsters and the professional anti-Communists.

I submit, Mr. Attorney General, that all unbiased evidence will show that

just as Thomas Jefferson was labelled a Jacobin, a 'foreign agent'—so today we American Communists are being labelled foreign agents because we too believe in and fight for 'liberty and justice for all'.

### UPHOLD BILL OF RIGHTS

I trust, Sir, that if you are taking Mr. Thomas' un-American recommendation under advisement, you will bear in mind the viewpoint expressed by President Truman in his letter of February 28, 1947, to ex-Governor Earle, in which he (Mr. Truman) states:

*"People are very much wrought up about the 'Communist bugaboo', but I am of the opinion that the country is perfectly safe so far as Communism is concerned. . . ."*

May I remind you, Mr. Attorney General, that the oath and obligation of your high office require that you defend and uphold the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This means that it is your duty to help preserve the inalienable democratic rights of the whole American people, including American Communists, trade unionists and the Negro people.

Respectfully,

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General Secretary, C.P.U.S.A."

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**To outlaw the Communist Party or curtail its rights as a legal political party is to scrap the Bill of Rights!**

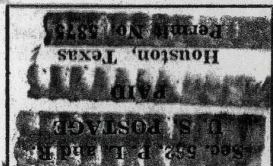
*Write or Telegraph to*

**ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK**

*Department of Justice*

**Washington, D. C.**

**YOU  
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THIS**





On April 4th, Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, sent the following letter to U. S. Attorney General Thomas C. Clark in connection with a proposal by Congressman J. Parnell Thomas that the Department of Justice "take immediate steps to prosecute the Communist Party and its officials for failure to comply with the McCormack Act and the Voorhis Act."

*If this Republican plot to prosecute the Communist Party as a "foreign agent" is successful, it will serve as a base for wiping out the Bill of Rights in America. Actually the GOP high command, the NAM, and the fanatic-like Rankins and O'Daniels, are plotting a victory of REACTION for 1948. The Republican Party is making red-baiting its main political weapon. And even though the fanatic reactionaries in the Democratic Party—men who have tried to split and wreck all progressive moves in the Democratic Party—have joined in this, the Republicans will still use red-baiting to smash Democratic opposition and capture the Presidency in 1948.*

*Every Texan who believes in fair play, and a democratic atmosphere in which to discuss political differences, should read this letter carefully and help stop American fascism which hides behind the "red-scare."*

April 4, 1947.

"Mr. Thomas C. Clark,  
U. S. Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Mr. Clark:

I read in the *New York Times* of April 2 that Mr. J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, addressed a letter to you on April 1.

I notice that Mr. Thomas therein requested that the Department of Justice 'take immediate steps to prosecute the Communist Party and its officials for failure to comply with the McCormack Act and the Voorhis Act.'

#### AN AMERICAN POLICY

History shows that the Communist Party of the U. S. A. is an American political party. It is a working class political party which was born of America's common people and whose ultimate objective is socialism. In its antecedents it existed in the United States before the American Civil War and played a patriotic and heroic part in that conflict, as recognized by President Lincoln.

Further, the Communist Party is an independent organization making its own decisions, according to its own understanding, to promote the welfare and progress of our country and people. And now, as always, the Communist Party owes its first and only allegiance to the sovereign power that resides in the American people.

As you know, there were Communists in the United States prior to the formation, in 1919, of the Communist International.

#### A BIT OF HISTORY

The Utopian Communist, Robert Owen, addressed one of the sessions of the United States Congress in the early part of the nineteenth century. William Sylvis, the great American labor leader of the 1870's, was one of the founders of the American Communist movement. And Colonel Joseph Weydemeyer, a foremost American Communist and lifelong friend of Marx, served the Union Army under Lincoln.

On the occasion of his re-election to the Presidency, Abraham Lincoln exchanged fraternal greetings with the first Communist International, whose chairman was Karl Marx.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

You are also familiar with the fact that up to 1940 the Communist Party of the United States, in the form in which it then existed, was affiliated to the Communist International. During this period the Communist Party, which at all times made its own independent decisions, publicized its fraternal relations with that organization. In November, 1940, the Communist Party dissolved its connection with the Communist International and publicly stated its reasons for doing so.

Likewise you know that in 1943 the Communist International itself was dissolved by the unanimous vote of the remaining affiliated parties.

#### ACTS DO NOT APPLY

The American Communists were not then subject to either the McCormack or the Voorhis Act. Obviously, then as now, neither the program nor the activity of the Communist Party comes within the scope of these Acts.

What is there today that would indicate that President Roosevelt was wrong when he persistently refused Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's request to include the American Communists either under the McCormack or the Voorhis Act?

Of course, some very un-American gentlemen assert that we American Communists are 'foreign agents' because in our general approach to questions of foreign policy our views coincide with the position taken by anti-fascists of other lands. It so happens that other patriotic Americans have taken a position similar to ours. This was true at times of the stand taken by the late President Roosevelt, who believed that the interests of the United States are served by friendly and not hostile relations with the Soviet Union.

#### WHAT SERVES AMERICA?

I grant you that on more than one occasion the position of the American Communist Party on foreign affairs has in one or another aspect coincided with the foreign policy advocated by the U. S. S. R. So what? It was in each instance in accord with the interests of the United States and all democratic peoples. Whereas at this moment, the foreign policy of the present Administration and of the Hoover-Vandenberg Republican leadership has in one or another aspect paralleled that of the British Tories—which is *not* in the interests of the United States.

What is important is not whether our position on this or that question may have coincided with the position advocated by some other organization or government. What is important—in fact, what is basic—is whether or not the position that we American Communists have taken on foreign, as well as domestic policy, has protected and advanced the genuine national interests of the American people.

#### THE RECORD SPEAKS

Can any honest American deny that we Communists were correct and acted as real patriots when in the past, as today, we promoted American-Soviet friendship? When we fought to end the shipment of oil and scrap iron to militarist Japan? When we came to the aid of Republican Spain? When we struggled for collective security, for quaran-

ting the fascist aggressors? And now, when we bend every effort to ensure Big Three unity and the fulfillment of the Teheran, Yalta, Moscow and Potsdam accords.

#### TO DEFEAT FASCISM

Moreover, Mr. Attorney General, no matter how strongly many Americans may disagree with the position and program of us Communists—every forthright American knows that we Communists joined hands with our fellow-Americans and mobilized everything to help guarantee victory over the enemies of our country, the fascist Axis. Whether it was the 15,000 American Communists who served our country loyally and ably on the battlefields, or the additional thousands who fought on the production line, our war record is the record of patriots.

You must admit, Mr. Attorney General, that if we American Communists are to be classified as 'foreign agents', then, too, all adherents of F. D. R.'s progressive policies, of American-Soviet understanding, and Big Three unity, must be equally branded as 'subversive'.

#### WHERE DOES IT STOP?

For many years the American Federation of Labor was affiliated with the International Federation of Trade Unions. Likewise, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, in full accord with the interests of the American working people, is affiliated to the World Federation of Trade Unions. The Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. maintain international affiliations. Many millions of our fellow-Americans who adhere to the Catholic religion also maintain a world-wide affiliation.

No honest man calls these organizations 'foreign agents' because of their fraternal bonds of international affiliation, or because this relationship brings them into contact with citizens of other countries who hold diverse political opinions.

Today, as in the past, we American Communists are in profound agreement with Lincoln, who said that 'the strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people, of all nations and tongues and kindreds.'